

When Marshall Porterfield, and his family, moved to West Lafayette in 2004 they brought a bundle of *Echinacea* (coneflower) seeds from their former garden in Missouri. When they moved into their home at 844 Rose Street they found a large mound of soil and stepping stones. Porterfield, a busy family man and professional, wanted to create a garden that would be a haven for birds, butterflies and humans. He planted his coneflower seeds in a sunny spot in the front of the house, recycled the soil back into the garden and used the stepping stones as edging for several water features. A favorite water feature, next to the deck, draws thirsty wild life and is edged by a lovely red Hibiscus (marsh mallow). The mallow thrives in the boggy soil of the water feature. Gold finches flock to the coneflowers and butterflies sip from the tall phlox. His “recycled” garden” does provide a quiet, colorful site that nurtures wildlife and humans.



